

(57) Abstract: A method of altering the refractive index of a region of a crystal comprising focusing a pulsed laser beam at a desired position within the crystal and moving the focused beam along a path such that the focussed beam alters the refractive index of the region of the crystal along the path.



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